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## FAMILY RECORD.

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Capt. WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> GERRISH, the progenitor of probably all who bear the Gerrish name in this country, was born in Bristol, Somersetshire, England, August 20th, 1617, where he is said to have received a mercantile education in the house of Percival Lowle (now written Lowell) & Co. He came to New England as early as 1639 and settled that year in Newbury, Mass. (See Coffin's History of Newbury); was the first Captain of the military band in that town, and Representative in 1650 to '54. He married first, JOANNA, widow of John Oliver, of Newbury, and daughter of Percival Lowle, his former employer in England, April 17, 1645, who died June 14th, 1677, aged 58. He removed to Boston 1678, and there married ANN, widow of John Manning; was the owner of No. 3 Long Wharf, where he carried on business.

At the Semi-centennial anniversary meeting of the town of Boston, March 14, 1686, Capt. Gerrish opened and closed the exercise with prayer. He died at his son Benjamin's house Salem, Mass., Aug. 9, 1687.

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*CHILDREN OF JOANNA:*

JOHN, born May 15, 1646; died 1714.

WILLIAM, born June 6, 1648; was a physician in Charlestown, Mass., where he died.

JOSEPH, born March 23, 1649; died Jan. 6, 1720. Graduated at Harvard College 1669; married Ann, daughter of Maj. R. Waldron, of Dover, N. H.; was a minister in Wenham, Mass.

BENJAMIN, born Jan. 31, 1651; died April 2, 1713; was Collector of his Majesty's Customs at Salem, Mass. *M. Martha Foxcroft, sec H. 99 t. 67 or H. 17. 46*

ELIZABETH, born Sept. 20, 1654; died Nov. 19, 1678. Married Capt. Stephen Greenleaf, of Newbury, Mass., Oct. 23, 1676.

MOSES, (Col.) : born May 9, 1656; died Dec. 4, 1694. Lived in Newbury, Mass.; mar-

ried Sept. 24. —, Jane, daughter of Rev. Henry Sewell, and sister of Chief Justice Sewell, of Mass. She was born at Bradesly, Eng., Oct. 25, 1659, and died Jan. 29, 1717.

MARY, born April 1, 1658; married Dr. John Dole, of Newbury, Mass., Oct. 23, 1676.

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*Child of ANN:*

HENRY, born in Boston, March 21, 1679; died without issue.

*Died in 1714* JOHN<sup>2</sup>, CAPT. (WM.<sup>1</sup>, CAPT.) ; married in 1665 or 1666, Elizabeth, daughter of Maj. Richard Waldron, of Dover, N. H., where he settled in 1666; In 1672 was appointed Capt. of the Militia; In 1683 was chosen High Constable; In 1684 was member of the Special Assembly convened by Gov. Canfield; 1689 and 1690 Representative from Dover to the General Assembly under Gov. Andros; 1692 a Royal Councillor of N. H.; 1699 appointed Assistant Justice of the Superior Court of the State; was a merchant and farmer. His children were:

JOHN, born 1667, settled in Boston; died 1737.

RICHARD, born 1670; settled in Portsmouth; died 1717.

NATHANIEL, born 1672; settled first at Berwick, Me., afterwards at Portsmouth, N. H.

PAUL, born 1674; lived and died in Dover, N. H., June 6, 1743.

TIMOTHY, born 1683; settled in Kittery; died 1756.

SARAH, born 1680; taken captive by the Indians when her grandfather's garrison was attacked; restored to her friends after many sufferings, and died of fever, July 29, 1697.

BENJAMIN, born 1681; settled in Boston and died at an advanced age.

WILLIAM, born 1683; settled in Somersworth, where he died.

JOANNA, born 1685; married Chas. Chauncy, 1709.

ELIZABETH, born 1687; possibly married Rev. John Wade, of Berwick, Me., but record not clear on this point.

MAJOR CHARLES GERRISH<sup>4</sup>, (Son of Capt. Nathaniel, Grandson of John, of Dover, and a Great-grandson of William, of Newbury,) was born in Berwick, in 1718, came to Portland, (or Falmouth,) in 1748, and was the first settler of the town of Durham, (then Royalsborough,) and for several years of its earliest history his name appeared on the records as Moderator of the Plantation meetings. He married Mary Frost, and had the following family :

Lieut. WILLIAM, born in Berwick, June 27, 1744.

CHARLES, born in Berwick, Oct. 18, 1746.

NATHANIEL, born April 7, 1751.

GEORGE, born June 16, 1753.

JAMES, died in the Revolutionary war, aged 20 years.

MARY, married Abner Harris, and settled in Lewiston.

Lieut. WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, Maj. CHARLES<sup>4</sup>, NATHANIEL<sup>3</sup>, married Esther Parker, April 3, 1767.

NATHANIEL, born August 29, 1767.

BETSEY, born Oct. 3, 1769.

RICHARD, born January 10, 1772.

BENJAMIN, born April 22, 1774.

JANE, born May 29, 1776.

➤ JAMES, born Sept. 16, 1778.

SARAH, born Feb. 13, 1781.

MOLLY, born June 25, 1783.

WILLIAM, born May 20, 1786.

CHARLES, JR.<sup>5</sup>, Maj. CHARLES<sup>4</sup>, NATHAN-  
IEL<sup>3</sup>, married Phœbe Blethen, Aug. 7, 1770.

HULDAH, born May 21, 1771.

BETSEY, born Oct. 1, 1772.

➤ JEREMIAH, born Oct. 10, 1774.

MARY, born January 4, 1778.

CHARLES, born March 9, 1780.

WILLIAM, born July 25, 1782.

MARGARET, born March 25, 1785.

SALLY, born Feb. 4, 1789.

NATHANIEL<sup>5</sup>, Maj. CHARLES<sup>4</sup>, NATHAN-  
IEL<sup>3</sup>, married Sarah Marriner, Oct. 30, 1777.

GEORGE, born Jan. 24, 1779.

HANNAH, born Jan. 18, 1781.

JOSEPH MARRINER, born March 24, 1783.

LORUHAMAII, born Oct. 9, 1785.

SARAH, born Feb. 27, 1788.

ABIGAIL, born April 16, 1790.

THIRZA, born April 26, 1792.

MOSES, born Aug. 9, 1794.

NATHANIEL, born Dec. 16, 1797.

GEORGE<sup>5</sup>, Maj. CHARLES<sup>4</sup>, NATHANIEL<sup>3</sup>, born in Royalsborough, now Durham, June 16, 1753, and died May 23, 1814. Farmer, settled on the Maj. Charles homestead. Married Mary Mitchell, of Freeport, Dec. 20, 1781. She was born June 21, 1758, and died Dec. 7, 1816.

SUSANNAH, born Sept. 10, 1782. Married to Thomas Bagley, March, 1801, and moved to Troy, Me. Died, June, 1868—a large family.

JAMES, born Nov. 22, 1784.

JOHN, born June 10, 1787.

CHARLES, born Aug. 7, 1789. Married Betsey Woodbury, March, 1812. Moved to

New York State, and died there—three children.

MARY, born April 3, 1792. Married Thomas Winslow, May 18, 1817. Died May 7, 1819—one child.

JAMES<sup>6</sup>, GEORGE<sup>5</sup>, Maj. CHARLES<sup>4</sup>. Farmer and shoemaker. Was born on the Maj. Charles homestead and settled very near there. Died June 8, 1824. Married Mary, daughter of Barstow Sylvester, of Freeport, Oct. 8, 1808. She was born 1787, died Aug. 20, 1859.

HARRISON S., born Jan. 27, 1810.

GEORGE B., born July 3, 1811.

EMELINE, born March 7, 1817. Married Amos Field, of Freeport, March 29, 1840, and settled there. Had three children—James Lewis, Mary Emeline, and Clarence H.

STEPHEN S., born March 23, 1820.

JOHN J., Born Dec. 21, 1821.

JOHN<sup>6</sup>, GEORGE<sup>5</sup>, Maj. CHARLES<sup>4</sup>. Farmer. Settled on old homestead. Married Joanna



West, of Freeport, Sept. 15, 1811. Died July 5, 1821.

LUCY B., born June 15, 1813. Married James Meguire, of Portland, Jan. 31, 1841. Settled and died there.

GEORGE, born Dec. 28, 1814. Died Oct. 13, 1839.

MARY, born Aug. 20, 1816. Died July 6, 1817.

ALBIN, born May, 1, 1818. Married Julia Lane, of Auburn, May 23, 1841. Died Jan., 1850.

LYDIA, born April 29, 1820. Died Dec. 3, 1820.

HARRISON S.<sup>7</sup>, JAMES<sup>6</sup>, GEORGE<sup>5</sup>. Born in Durham. Shoemaker. Married Jane T. Small, of Lisbon, and first settled there.

MELISSA JANE, born Jan. 29, 1836. Married William T. Osgood, of Durham, and settled there on farm. Five children.

CHARLES HARRISON, born April 22, 1838. Married Emily F. Chaffin, of Portland, Sept. 21, 1860, and died there March 9,

1864. Left two children, Charles Edward and Harry.

MARY ADELAIDE, born Feb. 27, 1841. Married Moses Osgood, of Durham, and settled there on a farm. Four children.

JULIUS MUNROE, born March 20, 1844. Died Oct. 5, 1844.

GEORGE B.<sup>7</sup>, JAMES<sup>6</sup>, GEORGE<sup>5</sup>. Born in Durham, and settled in Freeport. Trader and farmer. Married Eliza Field, Nov. 17, 1841. Died there Aug. 28, 1850.

GEORGE HENRY, born Jan. 16, 1846.

ELIZA ELLA, born Jan. 7, 1848. Died Sept. 19, 1849.

SARAH ELIZA, born May 17, 1850. Married John F. Means, of Freeport, Oct. 19, 1872, and settled there.

STEPHEN S.<sup>7</sup>, JAMES<sup>6</sup>, GEORGE<sup>5</sup>. Born in Durham. Trader Married Harriet N. Conner, of Troy, Me., Oct. 18, 1848. Settled there; afterwards moved to Augusta, and thence to Canaan, where he died, May 6, 1864.

HORACE GREELEY, born April 10, 1850.

ARTHUR F., born Feb. 21, 1854.

ANTOINETTE, born Sept. 17, 1856.

HELENA, born May 13, 1858.

ALICE, } born June 6, 1860.  
AGNES, }

JOHN J.<sup>7</sup>, JAMES<sup>6</sup>, GEORGE<sup>5</sup>. Born in Durham. Married Susan R. Small, of Lisbon, Dec. 21, 1848, and settled in Portland. On A. & St. R. R. (now G. T. R'y,) from commencement of building — afterwards merchant.

ELLA SUSAN, born March 14, 1851.

MARY IDA, born May 4, 1855. Married Harvey W. Merrill, of New Gloucester, Sept. 23, 1875, and settled in Auburn. One child.

JOHN HERBERT, born Oct. 13, 1858.

GEORGE LESTER, born Aug. 9, 1860.

HATTIE SMALL, born APRIL 7, 1864.

ELMER GRENVILLE, born Dec. 28, 1865.















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